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## Shipbuilding Costs Reined in to Increase Future Procurement Possibilities

*Washington D.C.—Today the House Armed Services Committee considered the portion of H.R.1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, that falls under jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Projection Forces.*

**Subcommittee Ranking Member Gene Taylor (MS)** commented, "The future of our military's Naval capability depends on the ability of our Navy to maintain a large, viable fleet of war ships and submarines. In the past few decades, our shipbuilding industry has produced a strong reliable force, but in order to continue procuring these vessels at the necessary rate, they must become more affordable.

"This bill takes a big step towards balancing our need for a strong Navy with our need for a cost-effective process," continued **Rep. Taylor**. "We will build more ships by containing their individual costs and requiring more mature design technology."

"With this legislation, we require the Navy to develop a next-generation submarine incorporating cutting-edge technologies," said **Rep. James Langevin (RI)**. "This will allow us to increase cost-effectiveness while maintaining our nation's critical submarine design capability, and without slowing the current rate of production."

*Information is not considered final until committee passage of H.R.1815.*

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